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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 85 without prejudice to its consideration in a continuing application.

Please add new claims 87-96.

Please amend claims 84 and 86 as follows:

1-83 (Canceled)

84. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a flexible recloseable container, comprising:

providing a pair of ~~[-interlockable-]~~ fastener strips having interlockable profiles, a web of flexible film, and a plurality of sliders;

placing the plurality of sliders on the pair of interlockable fastener strips;

fusing together a portion of the ~~[-fastener strips-]~~ interlockable profiles at a plurality of locations; and

attaching the interlockable fastener strips to the web of flexible film after said placing the plurality of sliders and after said fusing at a plurality of locations.

85. (Canceled)

86. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for subsequent attachment to flexible film for making a recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

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a pair of [~~interlockable~~] fastener strips having interlockable profiles having a length;
and

a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;

wherein said [~~fastener strips~~] interlockable profiles are fused together at a plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being separated from adjacent said fused positions by about the width of a bag.

87. (New) The apparatus of claim 86 wherein said fastener strips are notched at a second plurality of positions along the length, each said notched position being spaced apart from adjacent said notched positions by about the width of a bag.

88. (New) The apparatus of claim 86 wherein each of said fastener strips includes a flange, and which further comprises a first tamper evident seal coupling the opposing flanges, and a second tamper evident seal which encloses at least a portion of said pair of fastener strips.

89. (New) The method of claim 84 which further comprises orienting a slider by vibrating the plurality of sliders in a container.

90. (New) The method of claim 84 which further comprises placing a slider on the fastener strips without stopping the web; and incorporating the fastener strips with the web of flexible film in a continuous manner.

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91. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein said placing is by pushing the slider onto the fastener strips.

92. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein said placing is by holding the slider stationary and moving the fastener strips through the slider.

93. (New) The method of claim 84 which further comprises placing a product within the web after said attaching.

94. (New) The method of claim 84 wherein each of the fastener strips includes a flange, and which further comprises placing a first tamper evident seal between the flanges before said placing a slider.

95. (New) The method of claim 94 which further comprises placing a second tamper evident seal over the profiles;

96. (New) The method of claim 84 which further comprises:
forming a first transverse seal across the film;
placing a product within the web after said forming a first seal; and
forming a second transverse seal across the web after said placing.